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It is even wise to abstain from laws, which however wise and good in themselves, have the semblance of inequality which find no response in the heart of the citizen, and which will be evaded with little remorse.

Dr. Channing.

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SECOND SPEECH

of MR. McDUFFIE, of S. Carolina, on the Bill proposing a reduction of the Duties on imports. Delivered in the House of Representatives, June 1832. (CONCLUDED.)

But one of the gentlemen inferred that the cotton business must be more prosperous than any other, because the annual production of that article had increased from 92 millions of pounds in 1818, to the enormous quantity of 275 millions of pounds in 1851. Nothing can be more utterly delusive than superficial and partial statements of this kind, as the House will perceive when the whole case is presented. When I inform you, sir, that the 92 millions of cotton which we produced in 1818, was sold for 32 millions of dollars, and that the 275 millions produced in 1851, sold for only 25 millions, you will be able to form some estimate of the weight which ought to be attached to such loose statements and inferences from gentlemen, who, however well they may understand their concerns, know very little about ours. The very fact of the extraordinary increase in the production of cotton, connected with the no less extraordinary decrease in its price, furnishes the most conclusive demonstration of the decline, the suffering, and the oppression of the cotton planting States.

In a fall, sir, in the price of agricultural staple from thirty-four to $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars a hundred, in the short period of thirteen years, is a thing for which there cannot be found any precedent in the history of the world. As it regards manufactures, the productive power and the improvements of machinery are so progressive and illustrious, that the fall of prices furnishes no evidence at all of the diminished prosperity of the manufacturing classes. It proves nothing but that the efficiency of manufacturing labor has been increased by human invention, and that the cost of production has been proportionately diminished. But widely different is the case with the productions of agriculture; for, while in the progress, of society, labor becomes more and more productive in manufactures, it must, in the very nature of things, become less and less productive in agriculture. The improvements made in the implements and the operations of agriculture are very inconsiderable, even in the course of a century. A field laborer can now do very little more in a day than could have been done by a field laborer one hundred years ago. But this is not all. The productive power of the soil is perpetually diminishing; so that, while the machinery with which the manufacturer operates is constantly deteriorating, since it has been laid down as a principle, by writers on political economy, that the price of grain varies less, from century to century, than that of other articles; and that, in the progress of population, this price should gradually increase instead of being diminished. Now let us apply this reasoning to the production of cotton in the United States, and the condition of the southern cotton planter.

In the southern Atlantic States, the soil has steadily given way to exhaustion and impoverishment; the productive power of a given quantity of land and of labor has gradually diminished yet, notwithstanding, the practice of the great staple article which that land and labor are engaged in producing, is now less than one-third of what it was at the commencement of the series.

To trace the progress of this decline, in connection with the successive additions to the burthen of the tariff, the average price of the whole cotton crop for the four years preceding the tariff of 1824 was 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per hundred pounds, for the four years following (exclusive of the year 1823, which was a year of speculative prices) it was twelve dollars; and for the years 1829, 1830, and 1831, the average price was not exceeded ten dollars.

This estimate includes the long staple as well as the upland crop, striking an average of the whole.

While the price of the great agricultural staple of the southern States has thus gradually declined in price, that of flour, the agricultural staple of the northern

States, has undergone comparatively, but a very inconsiderable decline. For the four years preceding the tariff of 1824, the average price of the whole crop exported was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per barrel; the four following years, it was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars; and for the last four years, it has been about the same.

And, sir, it is in the face of these undeniable facts, which demonstrate that the cotton planters do not receive one half income from a given amount of capital and labor that they received ten years ago, that the people of the south are very calmly told by their oppressors that they must be prosperous because of the great increase of their production! What better idea can be given of the oppression and slavery of a people than to say, it is, in that condition in which their labor and productions are rapidly increasing, and their aggregate income at the same time diminishing? Yet this is the precise state of things pointed out by gentlemen as the indication of prosperity.

It has been said by one gentleman that he cannot conceive it possible that the planters would so greatly increase the production of cotton, if their prosperity were on the decline. I am not at all surprised that those who know nothing of our condition, and whose lot has exempted them from our melancholy experience, should be unable to conceive that a people could endure as much as we have endured. In the northern States, if one branch of industry, from any cause, becomes less prosperous than the average of other employments, the persons engaged in it have the easy and obvious resource of abandoning it, and embarking in some more profitable branch of industry. In such a community, any extraordinary burthen thrown upon a particular employment, which should reduce the profits below the common average, would be promptly followed by a withdrawal of capital and labor from that employment, and a consequent decrease of production. But the very fact to which the gentleman referred, the rapid increase of production under a less rapid decrease of price, conclusively proves that the people of the southern States cannot avoid the oppressive burthens which have destroyed their prosperity, by abandoning the employment upon which these burthens are imposed. The whole capital and labor of the country are engaged in the proscribed employment, and, from obvious causes, cannot be transferred to any other employment without involving the loss of one-half of their value in the first instance, to say nothing of the unsuitableness of southern labor and southern habits for the business of manufactures. The southern States are precisely in the condition that England would be in if united with France under a common government, and if that Government should levy a discriminating tax upon English manufactures, while those made in France were exempted. The English manufacturers could not avoid the tax without deserting their country; and, in like manner, the southern planters cannot avoid the discriminating burthens to which they are subjected, without sacrificing, in the aggregate, one half of the capital of the community, and then embarking in an untried pursuit. A tax laid upon a particular trade or calling may be avoided, but a tax laid upon the whole community never can. The southern States, therefore, are precisely in the condition of a description of manufactures whose productions are subjected to an enormous duty, from which all other productions are exempted, and who are yet placed under a legal compulsion to continue in the same employment. The only resource, in such a case, is to make up by increased labor and exertion for the burthens imposed; and to compensate for the diminished value of the taxed production, by an increased quantity of it. And such has been precisely the case in regard to the production of cotton. The more heavy and oppressive the duties imposed upon our exchanges have been, the more active and efficient has been our industry; and the less the exchangeable value of our staples the greater has been the amount of our production.

The property of the great body of the cotton planters consists in a soil and climate peculiarly adapted to produce cotton, the most valuable staple of the earth; and not adapted to produce wheat, the other great staple of agriculture; and it consists, also, of a description of labor adapted only to the operation of agriculture. Owing to the heat and dryness of the climate, soil of a given fertility will not produce much more than half the quantity of wheat, or other grain, that soil of the same quality will produce in the northern State. The law of nature therefore, as well as their own peculiar domestic institution, have not only decreed that the southern State should be an agricultural people, but that they should pursue those branches of agriculture in which they are now engaged, and which depend principally upon foreign countries for a market. The remarks which have been made in relation to cotton are even more applicable to rice. The value of the rice lands would be worth, comparatively, nothing for the production of any other staple. If the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DAVIS) will consider these things, he will be at no loss to account for what seemed to him to be an incredible

phenomenon in political economy, that South Carolina and Georgia should cultivate cotton in competition with the new State of the southwest, when the latter can as well afford to make cotton at eight cents a pound as the former at ten. The truth is, the people of South Carolina and Georgia are obliged to cultivate cotton under all the disadvantages of a double competition, created by the legislation of this Government, or to do what would be worse. I say they are subjected to a double competition by the legislation of Congress.

If we consider them as producers of cotton, they are exposed to the unequal competition of those who obtain from the Government, at a dollar and a quarter, lands that are more productive than those which cost ten dollars in South Carolina and Georgia. If we consider them as producers of the manufactures for which their cotton is exchanged abroad they are compelled by the government to sustain a still more unequal competition with the northern manufacturers; for, in this case, the cost of their production is 40 or 50 per cent. more than that of their northern rivals, owing exclusively, to the impositions of this Government, and yet they are obliged to sell these products for the same price.

Sir, there never was a community of men, who bore the name of freemen, so ruinously oppressed by the curse of mis-government as the southern Atlantic States of this Union. And yet, sir, when we tell the story of our wrongs and sufferings, a gentleman who cultivates the alluvial soil, and represents the sugar-planting nabobs of Louisiana, (Mr. BULLARD) rises up, with great complacency, and offers us the most cruel mockery for our consolation by telling us of the wonderful operations of the cotton planters in Louisiana, and that they can afford to make cotton at three cents a lb! Pray, sir, can any reason why I should patiently submit to be plundered of one-third of my income by the protecting system, be fairly deduced from the fact that the cost of producing cotton in Louisiana is not half so great as it is in South Carolina? On the contrary, is not this the strongest of all reasons why the people of South Carolina should be permitted to enjoy the fruits of their own industry, and not have them taken away by the unconstitutional exactions of this Government, and given to the favored objects of its bounty in another region of the confederacy? If the cotton planters of Louisiana are not now in a situation to feel the oppression of the protecting system, or if they are induced to bear it in consideration of an annual bounty of a million and a half of dollars given to the sugar planters, it certainly furnishes no sufficient motive for their representatives here to exult in the advantages they enjoy over the southern Atlantic States, and to rebuke the people of those States because they will not tamely submit to be utterly exterminated by this system of plunder and oppression. [Here Mr. BULLARD disclaimed any feeling of exultation in what he had said; he had simply stated facts.] Mr. McDuffie said: I am glad, sir, to be informed that I have mistaken the tone of the gentleman's remarks. I was perhaps misled by the peculiar manner and emphasis with which he declared that his constituents had never participated in this false clamor about robbery and plunder. One of the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Everett) has been pleased to refer the House to another proof of the prosperity of the southern States: the increase of their population. This, sir, is a much more fallible criterion of prosperity than the increase of their productions. There is no part of this Union, thanks to Providence, and not to the wisdom of our Government, in which the preventive check upon population, as Malthus expresses it, has yet begun to operate. And I think the gentleman might have been induced to distrust the application of this theory to the United States, by a fact stated by himself in regard to South Carolina. He said the slaves had increased more rapidly than the whites; and it would follow, if his argument be worth anything that the slaves are also more prosperous than their masters.

But the gentleman groups together the whole of the southern and south-western States, and appeals to the increase of their aggregate population as a proof of their prosperity. Now, does not the gentleman know that Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, are new States, and have been populated principally by emigration since the late war? Does he not also know that about one half of the territory of Georgia, and that the most fertile and productive, has been acquired from the Indians, and brought into cultivation within the last twenty-five years? And has he not himself admitted that the population of South Carolina—a State which has had no new lands to bring into cultivation—has actually fallen off in comparison with that of the other States?

The truth is, Mr. Speaker, the citizens of South Carolina have a strong attachment to their native soil. All of them would desire that their bones should be deposited with those of their ancestors. Yet, sir, they are constrained by their necessities to break those powerful ties of feeling and of patriotism, and to fly to the wilderness to obtain a temporary relief from the exhausting operation of this op-

pressive scheme of legislative plunder. For the last ten years our population has been moving off, and almost literally, in shoals, urged by their poverty and not by their will, to bid a final adieu to the homes of their fathers, and all the endearing associations connected with them.

But, sir, they cannot get out of the reach of oppression, however they may mitigate their sufferings for a time; and, in the course of a few years, when their lands begin to be exhausted, they will be too totally convinced that no climate, however propitious, no soil, however productive, can render tyranny and oppression tolerable to freemen.

I will now draw an exemplification of the practical effect of this restrictive system upon the productive industry of the planting States, from a subject with which this House is, unfortunately, but too familiar; I mean Internal Improvements. Europe, sir, is the natural market of the southern planters, and they have precisely the same interest in maintaining and improving the channels and facilities of a cheap intercourse with England, France, Holland, and Germany, that the farmers and manufacturers of the United States have in maintaining and improving those channels and facilities by which the internal commerce of the country is carried on. The ocean is the great highway by which the planting States carry their produce to market, and free trade may, with strict philosophical propriety, be compared to a railroad, which diminishes the cost of transportation. Commercial restrictions, on the other hand, may, with the same propriety, be compared to obstructions thrown into that highway, increasing the cost of transportation. A protecting duty of 50 per cent. has precisely the same injurious effect upon the planters as would be produced by destroying the railroad which conveyed their produce to market, and thereby adding 50 per cent. to the expense of transporting it. The protecting system is nothing more nor less than a permanent blockade of our ports, declaring the foreign exchanges of the southern States to be contraband, and rigorously exacting the penalty of 40 or 50 per cent. on the value of every cargo imported in violation of it. If a duty of 40 or 50 per cent. were levied upon the domestic exchanges of the country, if the farmers of Massachusetts or Pennsylvania had to pay that duty for the privilege of exchanging their grain for cotton manufactures or for iron, they would at once perceive that it was equivalent to adding 40 or 50 per cent. to the expense of transporting their grain to its proper market, by locking the turnpike gates, tearing up the bridges, and compelling them to travel over worse and more circuitous roads. But the avowed purpose and inevitable tendency of the American system is to accomplish the twofold result of obstructing and blocking up, by enormous tolls, the great natural highway which a kind Providence has provided for the planting States to communicate with their peculiar markets, and at the same time, opening ten thousand artificial highways to facilitate the internal commerce of the manufacturing States, with the tolls unjustly levied on the productions of southern industry, passing over the national highway. If the Government should tear up the foundations of my private way to market, in order to obtain materials to build a turnpike for a rival producer, it would not be guilty of an act of more outrageous injustice.

This bill, sir, is the final consummation of the protecting system, and it is curious to remark the effect of it on the commerce of the manufacturing States. While the advocates of this system have been denouncing free trade as a great national curse, they have studiously established, for all the States north of the Potowmack, the most perfect system of free trade that ever has existed upon the face of the earth. I defy the historical research of gentlemen to produce a parallel. What production of northern industry is subject to the slightest possible restriction in seeking its proper market, whether that market be at home or abroad? As to the home market which is the great market of the manufacturing States, the Government not only imposes no restriction upon its exchanges, but grants enormous bounties upon them, unconstitutionally and unjustly levied on the exchanges of the planting States. This great branch of their trade, therefore is not only perfectly free, but it is more than free. Then, as to the foreign exchanges of the northern States, I have heretofore shown that, with some trifling exceptions, they are exempted from all duties or restrictions by this bill. But while the whole trade of the manufacturing States is thus entirely free, all the exchanges of the planting States, without a single exception, are subjected to the most enormous impositions, for the double purpose of supporting the Government, and of sustaining the manufacturing interests. In a word, sir, the planting States are compelled to pay 40 or 50 per cent. for the privilege of exchanging the entire mass of their staple productions, while the manufacturing States not only pay nothing, but are absolutely authorized by the Government to demand and receive from the planting States 40 or 50 per cent. more for

their manufactures than they are intrinsically worth.

With all these facts before him, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DAVIS) asked, with great earnestness, what interest could possibly maintain itself with a protection of only 25 per cent.? This is certainly a most extraordinary question. What interest can exist without a protection of 35 per cent.? I will tell the gentleman: The whole planting interest of the southern States not only exists without a protection of 25 per cent., but without any protection at all; it not only exists without protection, but it goes abroad upon the face of the despotic, to encounter the competition of the whole world, under restrictive duties averaging nearly the double of 25 per cent. Yes, sir, while there is not a single branch of northern industry that can command even the home market, with all the advantages of proximity, without a protecting bounty of 50 per cent. the whole of the productions of southern industry have to go abroad under the oppressive burthen of the same rate of duty, and not only to encounter foreign competition, but foreign duties also. The ingenuity and the wickedness of man could not possibly devise a scheme more perfectly adapted to impoverish and desolate the southern States, and enrich the northern States by their spoils.

It is a system, sir, which regards the planters of the southern States as aliens, and their industry as foreign industry.

The gentleman from Massachusetts, referring to the cheap rate of slave labor in the planting States, asks with a very significant emphasis, "do you expect the free labor of the north to contend upon equal terms with mere machines?" Sir, is this the language for one Freeman of the same common country to hold to another? How dare the gentleman to ask me if I expect that his labor will contend on equal terms with mine? and by what authority does he propose an interrogatory so arrogant and insulting? It is the very language, sir, of a master, and cannot but cause the blood to boil in the veins of every southern man who has the spirit of a Freeman. In the better days of the republic, before the spirit of the revolution had departed, this single question would have roused millions of freemen to vindicate their rights. Let me tell the gentleman, once for all, that I utterly disclaim his right to make any inquiry or question as to the description of labor employed in the southern States, and to assure him, that, if God gives the people of the south the spirit of his ancestors and mine, he will be obliged to compete with just such labor as they choose to employ, and upon terms, too, of perfect equality.

But sir, I can, at the same time, assure the gentleman that I look with no envy on the northern people. God forbid. On the contrary, I would rejoice if they could receive ten times as much for their labor as they now do. But I never will consent that the price of their labor shall be enhanced to an unnatural price, by the disguised appropriation of one-third of the proceeds of southern labor for their use and benefit.

It is in vain, sir, to disguise this matter or to conceal the true nature of this contest.

It is no affair of speculative theory, but a plain business concern. And I will now tell the gentleman from Massachusetts, if he will pardon the liberty, what is the natural price of the manufacturing labor of the northern States estimated in money. It is precisely the same as the manufacturing labor of England, and not a cent more.

Let us examine the elements of the comparison. The English and the northern manufacturers are employed in making the same articles. Does the English machinery, indeed, cost more than the machinery of the south? I doubt not that he judges by the standard of his own intellect, and I have only to remark that common, indeed, must that sense be, which can be confounded by a proposition so plain and obvious. He also said that the idea that the protecting duties diminished the exchangeable value of cotton, required "an effort of the imagination beyond his comprehension." On this point, sir, I have too much politeness to doubt the word of the honorable member. I can very well imagine, and that too without straining the doctrine of presumption beyond reasonable bounds, that there are many truths in political philosophy, neither very profound nor abstruse, that are quite beyond his comprehension.

The honorable member has taken frequent occasion to allude sneeringly to the expositions of political economy. Now, sir, while I perfectly agree with the gentleman that mere men of books are not proper persons to regulate the political affairs of Empires, I must be allowed, at the same time, to say that it is not in the order of Providence that mere men of spindles should be elevated to that high destiny. For myself, sir, if it were given me to confess, with all proper humility, that I never read but one book on political economy in my life, and that was the work of Adam Smith, which fell into my hands before I went to college. And, though I have made occasional reference to the standard works on this subject since, I have never estimated their labors very highly, believing that they are too speculative, and have not sufficiently looked into the actual operation of government restrictions upon the different classes of productive industry, and upon the principles of human liberty.

Alluding to the dialogue, which I supposed to take place between the planter and the collector of the customs, the gentleman asks if an English manufacturer would not "run the risk of being made a laughing stock," who should alledge that the Gennese wheat, which he had obtained for Yorkshire goods, was the production of his own industry, and remonstrate with the collector of the English

Western Carolinian.

In another part of our columns will be found a communication signed "a Republican," which we publish by the request of the writer, as contained in the *Post-script* to the same.—It seems that the piece was addressed to the "Caroline Watchman" in answer to an article in that paper signed "Lucius," and the publication declined by the Editor of that paper; who has also favored us with a letter giving his reasons for refusing to publish "a Republican".

It appears to us to be a very singular course for an Editor, on his declining to publish the favors of his correspondents, to come out and request the Editor of another paper to publish his reasons for doing so. It strikes us that his own paper would be the proper channel for making known his objections.

Influenced however by Editorial courtesy, we will comply with Mr. Jones' request, and give his letter a place over the communication signed "A Republican." It is not for us to judge of the force of the three exceptions taken by Mr. Jones, but our columns, are free to the writer himself to do so, should this paragraph ever meet his eye.

We also take this occasion to invite both "a Republican," and "Lucius" if they so chose, to carry on the discussion in our paper provided they do not extend the same to too great a length, and will conduct it with dignity, & without personalities. We look upon the subject, as a most important one at all times, but especially at the present crisis in our government. We are the decided friends of "State-Rights," but we are willing to hear "Lucius" say all he can in favor of *consolidation*; and further, we are willing, nay anxious, that the attention of the public should be awakened to the question, in order that they may know what is going on.

In the absence of the Editor of this paper, the temporary superintendent consented, perhaps improperly, to admit the little communication signed "S." It is too abusive and personal to be admitted into the columns of any paper, but inasmuch as the "Spirit of the Spring" was admitted, "S" as an answer to it, could not in justice be rejected. The "Yadkin and Catawba Journal," where "S" first made his appearance should have published his reply. If we had followed the example of our neighbor we should have rejected it.

We are sorry to see that some of the opposition papers make Mr. Calhoun the subject of abuse and reproach for an alleged alteration in his opinions of the extent of the powers of the Federal government. We do not know that Mr. Calhoun's views upon this subject have undergone any change at all; but if it even be true that they are at this time diametrically the reverse of what they were, it is fair to vilify him and question his motives when the change was calculated to impair and not to strengthen his popularity? Can we suppose, with any show of justice, that he was induced to make the *consolidation* for any selfish purpose? But is it the evidence of a sound mind or an honest heart to persevere in our opinions when we know they are erroneous? It sometimes happens that men viewing things thro' the medium of partiality, give into erroneous views, which, in their sober moments when the cataract of passion or the glow of feeling has subsided, they must condemn. If we may be permitted to judge from the speeches of Mr. Calhoun he was certainly in favor of protection to manufacturers upon the ground of expediency, but we have not yet been able to find any admission of the power of the government to afford them protection. Mr. Calhoun has since said that he then doubted the power of Congress to protect domestic industry and he is now fully convinced of the absence of all power to effect that object. The question of power was not mooted either in his speeches or his reports whilst Secretary at War. But we care not what opinion Mr. Calhoun may have entertained upon this subject, it suffices for us to know that like an honest neophyte he has since avowed his hostility to the doctrine because he believes it to be unauthorized and dangerous to the dearest interests of our country.

The Van Buren pressers have charged Mr. Barbour with the *spirit of nullification*, as they term it, with a view of defeating his election to the Vice Presidency of the United States. In this assertion we never placed any confidence, and we are pleased that we have it in our power to set the minds of all, who are in doubt, at rest upon this subject. Hear what the "Jeffersonian and Times," a *nullification* paper at Richmond, says about the political opinions of Mr. Barbour:—

The Editor of the Richmond Enquirer calls this an "opposition paper devoted to Mr. Calhoun," and reckless about the means of pushing his favorite politician." This charge is based avowedly on the grounds that we support Mr. Barbour for the Vice Presidency. The charge itself is as ridiculous as it is untrue—and the trick of the *intendo* editor worthy of a partisan Editor. As it was intended to operate against Mr. Barbour, we feel called upon to state distinctly, that Mr. Barbour is in no way connected with the party to which we profess to belong, so far as its distinctive principles are concerned—for in other words, Mr. B. is no Nullifier. This we know—and we regret to say it, as we believe the doctrines to be those of Jefferson and the republican party of 1798. There is, therefore, no connection between Mr. Barbour and nullification. We say this on our own knowledge—and as an act of justice to him. For we are not willing to see an honest and upright statesman injured by the sly *inuendos* of a Van Buren trickster.

Mr. Barbour then is no nullifier but a firm, unshaken Republican. Are all men who are opposed to *consolidation*, who raise their voices against the encroachments of the general government—who are in favor of the reserved rights of the States, to be branded with nullification. Because some Federalists have made the people believe that nullification is worse than disunion or civil war or a "plague, per-

sonal and famine?" A man may be opposed to the Tariff, to internal improvements and to the Bank and yet be no nullifier. So far as purity of political principle and ability and integrity qualify him for the office of Vice Presidency there is no man better fitted to fill the station than P. P. BARBOUR of Virginia. We hope none of his friends will be deterred from supporting him because he is falsely charged with being a nullifier.

THE JOURNAL OF NONSENSE.

There is a newspaper published in Raleigh under the title of the "Constitutionalist" but which one of our western correspondents insists should be called the "Journal of Non-sense." That paper was established by two young men, natives of North Carolina, who to say the least of them were *Southern* men in feelings and principles. These young men, for some reason or other have retired from the paper, and it has fallen into other hands—and is now conducted under the influence of other feelings.

We know not who the Editor is nor have we ever seen any one who does. The "Oxford Examiner" has labored hard to discover his origin but all to no purpose—his source seems as difficult to find as that of the River Nile. Some have supposed that he dropped from the Moon and is a real "moon-calf;" but one of our correspondents, in our last, under the signature of Catawba tells a different tale, how true we do not know. He says that the Editor of the "Journal of Non-sense" came to North Carolina "a Yankee Pedlar," then turned to teaching school and now to dealing out his "Yankee Notions" in another shape. What gives probability to this report, is, that the Editorial columns of that paper very plainly show both the *Pedlar* and *Pedagogue*. We will give an example: In his last paper, speaking of ourself he says:—"We will recommend the Carolinian as peculiarly harmless in its nature, and evidently anti-choleric. Its qualities are *Soporific*, *Ambiguous* and *Hieroglyphick*—Bless us, who does this mean? These are real "jaw-crackers" and much harder to crack than even *wedged nutmegs* themselves? Whatever may be said about Mr. Ramsey's politics, there is no doubt he is the most learned "Pedlar" we have ever had in North Carolina. He is in all respects equal to the *Pedagogue* in the "deserted village" described in the following lines: "The village all declared how much he knew, 'Twas certain he could write and cipher too; While words of learned length & thrilling sound Amaz'd the gazing rustics ranged around; And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew That one small head could carry all he knew."

ELECTION RETURNS.

Anson.—Senate, William A. Morris; Commons, Moses Cuthbertson, and Thomas D. Park; Sheriff, Hampton B. Hammonds.

Mecklenburg.—Senate H. Vassay, sen., no opposition; Commons, James Dougherty and John H. Sheriff, Joseph McConaughay.

Fredell.—Senate, Col. Thomas Allison; Commons, Maj. Solomon Lowdermilk, and Capt. Geo. F. Davidson; Sheriff, Hiram Caldwell, without opposition.

Lincoln.—Senate, Daniel Hoke; Commons, Miles W. Abernathy, and Henry Candler; Sheriff, Thomas Ward.

Wilkes.—Senate, Genl Jas. Wellborn; Commons, Maj. W. C. Emmet, & John St. Clair, Esq. Sheriff, Col. John J. Bryan, without opposition.

It will be seen by the following preamble and resolutions that there is considerable excitement in Georgia upon the subject of the tariff. Our oppressors are widely mistaken if they suppose that the excitement in the South is confined to S. Carolina. With the exception of a few Federalists scattered here and there thro' this State we are all decidedly opposed to the tariff and will unite with our Sister States in adopting some means to rid ourselves of the burthen it imposes. At a meeting of one thousand persons in Lexington, Oglethorpe, the county in which Mr. Crawford, Gov. Gilmer and several other of the most distinguished sons of Georgia reside, a resolution was adopted to support any other State in any opposition she might make to the tariff. This smells strongly of *Carolina nullification*.

Public Meeting—Agreeably to notice given by the circulation of hand bills in various parts of the town, an assembly of from eight hundred to a thousand persons convened at the College Chapel at 4 o'clock on the evening of the first inst. to take into consideration the proper mode of relief from the evils of the present tariff. The Hon. Wm. H. Crawford was called to the Chair, and Asbury Hull, Esq. appointed Secretary.

The object of the meeting was briefly stated by W. H. Torrence, Esq. of Baldwin county, who concluded by moving that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the individuals assembled, upon the course necessary to be pursued in relation to this odious system—which motion was adopted. The Hon. A. S. Clayton arrived just as the motion passed, and immediately addressed the Chair, moving a reconsideration of the vote just taken, with a view to present to the meeting a preamble and resolutions already prepared, and in his possession. Upon this motion considerable debate ensued—Judge Clayton, Judge Berrien, Col. T. F. Foster, W. C. D. Bass, Esq. Judge Longstreet, Gen. Harden, and John Milton, Esq. advocating, and Gen. Glasscock, W. H. Torrence, Esq. Judge Harris, Dr. Tinsley, C. Terrell, Esq. and D. M. Stewart, Esq. opposing it. Col. R. L. Gamble was in favor of appointing the speakers to constitute a committee. After two ineffectual attempts to decide the motion, the preamble and resolutions alluded to were read at the request of the Chairman, by Judge Berrien, who, in his usual able and masterly manner, advocated their passage—which was finally effected by a large majority. They are as follows:

Whereas the people of Georgia, as well in their primary assemblies of citizens in their respective counties, as by their representatives in the Legislature thereof, have repeatedly and solemnly declared the several acts laying duties on imports (in so far as such acts transcended the purposes of revenue, and were designed for the protection of manufactures) to be an unjust, oppressive and unconstitutional, and have solemnly announced their determinations not to submit to such unlawful exactions, and their consequent resolution to resist them, if after a reasonable time they should not be repealed.

And whereas the good people of this State, and others having common interest with them in this matter, have looked to the period of the payment of the national debt as that at which the income raised by taxation should be reduced to the sum required by the wants of the government, by dues fairly imposed upon all the imports of the United States, and have ex-

pected from the justice of that Congress which has just closed its session, a repeal of those obnoxious laws:

And whereas this reasonable expectation has been disappointed, and the protection of manufacturers is now avowed as a permanent principle of federal legislation:

Be it therefore resolved, That we, as free citizens of Georgia, will no longer submit to a system of legislation, which is arbitrary, unequal, unconstitutional, and therefore unjust—that it be recommended to our fellow citizens in the several counties, to elect delegates to a State Convention, to assemble at Milledgeville on the 2d Monday in November next, and to invest them with full power, in behalf of the people of Georgia, to maintain, preserve and defend the rights and privileges of the free citizens of this State.

Resolved, That John McPherson Berrien, Augustine S. Clayton, Joel Crawford, Samuel Rockwell, Wm. H. Torrence, Wm. C. Dawson, and Thomas Glasscock, Esq. be a committee of correspondence, to confer with our fellow citizens of other States, on all matters connected with our common interests.

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COMMUNICATIONS

FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.

Mr. Craigie:

According to the request of the writer of the enclosed, I send it to you, declining myself to publish it, for the following reason which I hope you will do me the favor to publish, should you think proper to introduce his communication into your paper.

1st. I consider the article as an attack on me in alledging that I had departed from the principles contained in my prospectus.

2nd. The writer has undertaken to fix the authorship of *Lucius* on some one of six gentlemen with the Judges of the Superior Court; I cannot impliedly sanction this intimation by giving the piece a place in the *Watchman*.

3rd. He has predicated a course for me which he says would be *manly* and *liberal* and which he suspects I will not pursue. On these grounds I deem the article wanting in courtesy and offered only as a taunt. I do not believe that it was presented to me in good faith, and hence I beg to be excused from giving it to the public.

Yours Respectfully, H. C. JONES,

FOR THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN.

Mr. Jones:

I had the pleasure of reading the first number of your paper a few days ago, and congratulate you on the neat dress in which it makes its appearance. I wish Sir, I could equally approve the contents of your first paper. Without noticing your own departure, at the very start, from the principles laid down in your Prospectus, I think, no *Republican* at least, can read the communication signed "Lucius," without recognising in the writer, a zealous advocate for a *consolidated* government.

It remains Sir, to be seen what course you have marked out for yourself in reference to correspondents;—whether to exclude all except those of your own way of thinking, or, to open your columns to free, but temperate discussion of important topics;—thus giving your readers an opportunity of seeing both sides and judging for themselves. If the first be your plan then you may publish whatever you please, without the fear of refutation, at least in your own paper; if the latter be your course which is certainly the most manly, and liberal, then, it is to be hoped that in the range of your paper's circulation some one will be found willing to advocate the doctrine of *State-Rights* in opposition to the principles of *consolidation* put forth by "Lucius."

In the absence of an able pen, if you will permit me, I shall attempt it.

I can scarcely think it (tho' I am not without suspicion) that you and "Lucius" both being gentlemen learned in the law, will shrink from a fair discussion of this subject:—a few days will let us see.

"Lucius" in his horror of "nullification" has entirely neglected to inform himself as to what it is;

After his introductory remarks he proceeds to lay down three propositions which he says contain the doctrines of nullification: they are in these words:

1st proposition, "That the constitution of the United States is a compact entered into by Sovereign and independent States." If this be *nullification*, then every *Republican* in America, who is such from principle, from Thomas Jefferson down to my humble self, holds to *nullification*; for this is the very key stone of the doctrine of the *Republican* party of the school of 1798 as I will hereafter show if you will give me an opportunity.

2nd proposition "That in such compacts, there being no superior each party has an equal right to judge for itself as well of infractions as of the mode and measure of redress." This proposition, like the first, is a part and parcel of the faith of the *Republican* party, and flows as a necessary consequence from the admission of the first: No *Republican* who is such in principle will deny this doctrine.

3rd proposition "That the sovereignty of States exist in their respective State Legislatures and that consequently the latter (State Legislatures) have, and possess the sole right of judging of infractions and of the mode and manner of redress." Now Mr. Editor, if this be the doctrine of *nullification*, then I neither believe in it myself, nor in my opinion can any good republican, ever believe in it. But Sir, will you permit me to tell you, what your correspondent "Lucius" seems to be ignorant of "That this third proposition of his does not contain the doctrines of *nullification*—nor do even the "South Carolina nullifiers" hold to this. They do not hold that the sovereignty of the States exist in their respective Legislatures: or that those Legislatures have a right to nullify an unconstitutional act of Congress."

Mr. Barbour then is no nullifier but a firm, unshaken Republican. Are all men who are opposed to *consolidation*, who raise their voices against the encroachments of the general government—who are in favor of the reserved rights of the States, to be branded with *nullification*. Because some Federalists have made the people believe that *nullification* is worse than disunion or civil war or a "plague, per-

sonal and famine?" A man may be opposed to the Tariff, to internal improvements and to the Bank and yet be no nullifier. So far as purity of political principle and ability and integrity qualify him for the office of Vice Presidency there is no man better fitted to fill the station than P. P. BARBOUR of Virginia. We hope none of his friends will be deterred from supporting him because he is falsely charged with being a nullifier.

And whereas this reasonable expectation has been disappointed, and the protection of manufacturers is now avowed as a permanent principle of federal legislation:

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(Signed) W. H. CRAWFORD, C. A. Asbury Hull, Secy.

Western Carolinian.

POETRY.

STANZAS TO MY HORSE.

BY E. BULWER, ESQ. M. P.

Come forth, my brave steed! the sun shines on the vale,
And the morning is hearing its balm on the gale.
Come forth, my brave steed, and brush off as we pass!

With the hoofs of thy speed, the bright dew from the grass.

Let the lover go warble his strains to the fair, I regard not his rapture, and heed not his care; But now, as we bound o'er the mountain and lea, I will weave, my brave steed, a wild measure for thee.

Away and away—I exult in the glow Which is breathing its pride to my cheek, as we go;

And blithely my spirit springs forth—as the air Which is waving the name of thy dark flowing hair.

Hail, thou gladness of heart, and then freshness of soul!

Which have never come o'er me in pleasure's control—

Which the dance and the revel, the bowl and the board,

Though they flushed, and they fevered, could never afford.

In the splendor of solitude speed we along, Through the silence, but broke by the wild linnet's song;

No a sign to the eye—not a sound to the ear, To tell us that sin and that sorrow are near.

Away—and away—and away then we pass, The blind mole shall not hear thy light hoof on the grass;

And the time which is flying, whilst I am with thee,

Seems as swift as thyself—as we bound o'er the lea.

FROM THE AMERICAN FARMER.

Valparaiso, Chili, April 20, 1832.

MR. SMITH:

With much pleasure I acknowledge the receipt of a file of that valuable periodical the *American Farmer*, together with sundry other papers from different sections of the United States, so kindly forwarded by you per the Ulysses, which, from their variety, recent dates, &c. were the most acceptable treat, in that way, I have enjoyed since my arrival on this coast—and for which you will be pleased to accept my grateful acknowledgements. I regret extremely my inability to make, just now, any suitable return for your favor. Being on the eve of departing for Lima, (the other naval depot on this station,) my time and attention are so wholly absorbed by official duties, that I find no leisure to collect any thing worth sending you, I have hastily made up and forwarded, however, by the brig Richard Al-

1st.—*Alfalfa*. Seed.—This is the clover of the Spaniards; but resembles more the lucern than the clover of the United States. The *Alfalfa* is the only grass used in this country, to whose dry and arid summers it appears peculiarly well adapted, the root extending its fibres to a great length, say ten or twelve feet, following the moisture as it recedes from the surface of the earth, and thus imparting freshness and vigor to the plant for the whole of the dry season, during which no rain falls for a period of eight months in succession, the fields being dependent for moisture wholly on irrigation and light dews. It is said to exceed all other grasses in its nutritive properties, every species of hooved animals eating it greedily, whom it fattens very quickly:

And it seems almost to supersede the use of grain, even for animals of burden.—The Chilian horses, (those of the best blood being confessedly among the finest in the world) when fed on nothing but alfalfa, and a very small portion of barley, will endure fatigues and perform journeys incredible in our country. In those warm arid regions of the United States, where the common clover does not thrive well, I should think the alfalfa would be a valuable grass; and I hope some of your southern friends will be found willing to test the congeniality of their climate with its growth.

I must confess, however, that where, in our country, the climate and soil are favorable to the production of clover, I doubt whether *alfalfa* can successfully enter the "field" of competition with it.

2d. *Caravanzas*, a species of pulse—which, I believe, is indigenous to this country, and was found here by the earliest Spanish settlers. This vegetable is used when dry, and constitutes an important ingredient of a favorite dish of the country, called *Puchero*. I am, myself, fond of the *caravanzas*; and perhaps, on trial, you and others might also relish them. From the small quantity I have sent, however, you will readily perceive that the first thing requisite in tasting their value, is, to raise some. [Some say these are the *garbanzos* (or chick pea) of the Spaniards.]

3d. *Seed of the Spanish Onion*.—There is probably an abundance of the same kind in the U. States, as these were originally brought from Old Spain; but as those produced in Chili, are, without exception, the finest vegetable of the kind I ever saw, I send you a small quantity of the

seed. These onions are as large in circumference as a common tea plate, always white, and so mild in their flavor as seldom to start a tear, even from the most sympathetic eye.

4th. *Peruvian Cotton*.—Having seen a paragraph in several of the American papers, (and which you may possibly have transferred to the columns of the *American Farmer*) giving rather an extravagant account of what is there called "Payta Cotton" a lot of which has been sent from this coast to the United States. I forward a small sample, in the seed, that you may be the better enabled to judge whether the paragraph in question is not more indebted to the fancy of the writer than to "facts," for the importance which it may be thought to possess.

So rich varied and interesting are the productions of the vegetable kingdom of these countries, that no one ought in my estimation, to be excused for calling *cotton* to his aid in describing them. But I must remark, by the way, that even a more amusing specimen of *epistolary fiction* than is afforded by the paragraph under criticism, has recently found its way into the American papers, in regard to the natural wonders of these southern regions. Sensible, matter-of-fact people will, however, generally place a correct estimate on such ephemeral publications,—they view them as the offspring of either vain minds, or disordered imaginations. The *cotton* in question does indeed, grow on what a lively fancy might readily picture as "trees,"—but which I would rather call *shrubs*, about the size of a rank growth of James-town-weed,—it is, too, a *perennial* plant yielding cotton five or six years in succession. But it is not, and I am inclined to think cannot be produced, by any system of culture, as abundantly and cheaply as the common upland cotton of our country. The best of it is seldom of a superior staple to our prime uplands; yet it can scarcely ever be purchased in seed, where produced, at less price than four dollars, and frequently sells as high as six or seven dollars the quintal—its loss in ginning, being from 60 to 70 per cent. It is found in nearly all parts of Peru, Bolivia, and the Pacific coast of Colombia; but as it does not thrive in a higher latitude than 24 or 25° South, I doubt its capability to resist even our Carolina winters;—yet still I should be gratified to see an attempt made to acclimate it in the United States. I shall endeavor during my next temporary sojourn in Peru to collect other facts in relation to this really valuable plant,—such as its peculiar characteristics, mode of cultivation, &c. &c. and will let you hear from me again on the subject, should my enquiries result in developing any thing worthy your attention.

I shall also take pleasure in communicating with you, whenever I may get possession of any thing worth sending; and will feel much obliged for any papers or publications you may be pleased to forward. Not only the seeds, but whatever I may write are entirely at your disposal. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

PHILIP WHITE.

I also forward you a small sample of the *Barley* of Chili. It appears to be better than that produced in our country;—and is the only grain used here for feeding stock, there being very little maize or oats;—the climate, I believe, is not congenial to their growth.

Uncertainty of Infant Promise.—The tempers of children are so various that some display their powers as soon as they speak. Some lisped in numbers; some even presignify their glory before they articulate; as in certain latitudes the sun is discernable, though for days and weeks he never rises above the horizon; while others, and the most famous, have been tardy in unfolding their abilities. Robert of Sicily, though most famous for his learning and genius, was so torpid when a boy that he was with difficulty taught the rudiments of grammar. Claude, the unrivaled master of the dressed landscape, was a dull youth. La Fontaine had not the spirit of poetry awakened in him before his twenty-second year. Dryden gave no public testimony of his talents before he was twenty seven. And Cowper did not become an author till he was fifty. On the contrary, Baratier, John Condorcet, and other boys of surprising abilities, produced nothing meritorious. Their minds, like those bodies which rapidly exceed the common growth, quickly decay, while those of ordinary stature attain confirmed strength, and long lived maturity.

A merry fellow put a number of ram's horns into a basket, and went about, crying "New fruit." Lord Jersey hearing the noise, asked the man to show him the fruit, and upon seeing it, asked him, "What the devil will buy ram's horns?" To which the fellow replied, "If you are provided, I may meet others who are not."

The following (says the *Journal of Commerce*) was taken on Friday morning from the key hole of a shut-up shop:

Not Cholera-sick, nor Cholera-dead; But, out of fright, from Cholera fled:— Will soon return, when Cholera's over.

If from his fright he should recover,

MANSION HOTEL. AT THE CORNER OF THE COURT-HOUSE.

THE Subscriber announces to the public generally, and her friends and to the former friends of the Hotel—that she will be happy to accommodate all who may favor her with their patronage. She assures them that her best efforts shall be used to render pleasant the entertainment of all such as may call. Her table will be supplied with the best that the country affords, and her Bar with the choicest liquors.

From the many advantages which this stand affords, together with an unceasing effort to please, she flatters herself, that she will be able to render to all the most ample satisfaction.

MARY ALLEMONG.

THE Office of the Northern & Southern Weekly Line of Stages, also that of the Cheraw and Lincoln Lines, is at the

MANSION HOTEL.

SALISBURY, August 7, 1832.

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PROPOSALS.

FOR carrying the Mails of the United States for two years, from the first day of January, 1833, to the 31st day of December, 1834, on the following post routes in North Carolina, will be received at this office until the second day of November next, inclusive; to be decided on the 9th day of November.

2187. From Columbia to Springfield, in Tyrrell County, and back once a week.

Leave Columbia every Monday at 6 a. m. arrive at Springfield same day by 6 p. m.

Leave Springfield every Saturday at 6 A. M. arrive at Columbia same day by 6 P. M.

2188. From Kinston to Trenton, 20 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Kinston every Wednesday at 12 noon, arrive at Trenton same day by 6 P. M.

Leave Trenton every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Kinston same day by 12 noon.

2189. From Greenville to Stantonburg, 20 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Greenville every Wednesday at 9 A. M. arrive at Stantonburg same day by 7 P. M.

Leave Stantonburg every Thursday at 5 A. M. arrive at Greenville same day by 3 P. M.

2190. From Gravelly Hill by Lisbon and Taylor's Bridge to Clinton and back, once a week.

Leave Gravelly Hill every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Clinton same day by 3 P. M.

Leave Clinton every Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Gravelly Hill same day by 3 P. M.

2191. From Bedford by Shocco Springs to Warrenton, 28 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Bedford every Thursday at 7 A. M. arrive at Warrenton same day by 3 P. M.

Leave Warrenton every Tuesday at 8 A. M. arrive at Bedford same day by 4 P. M.

2192. By Hillsboro' by Picket's Oil Mill, Thos. Benchairs, Hester's Store, Rich'd, Bullock's and Potter's Bridge to Oxford, 40 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Hillsboro' every Tuesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Oxford same day by 6 P. M.

Leave Oxford every Wednesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Hillsboro' same day by 6 P. M.

2193. From Blakely by Stokesburgh to Germantown and back, once a week.

Leave Blakely every Monday at 1 P. M. arrive at Germantown same day by 5 P. M.

Leave Germantown every Monday at 6 A. M. arrive at Blakely same day by 10 A. M.

2194. From Roxboro by Hugh Woods to Black Walnut, Va., 22 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Roxboro every Thursday at 7 A. M. arrive at Black Walnut same day by 1 P. M.

Leave Black Walnut every Thursday at 3 1/2 P. M. arrive at Roxboro same day by 9 P. M.

2195. From Leasburgh by Hightowers to Caswell c. h., 15 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Leasburgh every Wednesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Caswell c. h., same day by 10 A. M.

Leave Caswell c. h., every Wednesday at 11 A. M. arrive at Leasburgh same day by 3 P. M.

2196. From Rockford by Juddsville to Bower's Store and back, once a week.

Leave Rockford every Thursday at 3 P. M. arrive at Bower's Store next day by 6 P. M.

Leave Bower's Store every Wednesday at 9 A. M. arrive at Rockford next day by 12 noon.

2197. From Concord by Mill Grove and Hickory Grove to Beatty's Ford and back, once a week.

Leave Concord every Wednesday at 6 A. M. arrive at Beatty's Ford same day by 6 P. M.

Leave Beatty's Ford every Thursday at 6 A. M. arrive at Concord same day by 6 P. M.

2198. From Lawrenceville to Wadesboro', 26 miles and back, once a week.

Leave Lawrenceville every Friday at 6 A. M. arrive at Wadesboro' same day by 3 P. M.

Leave Wadesboro' every Thursday at 7 A. M. arrive at Lawrenceville same day by 4 P. M.

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NOTES.

1. The Post Master General reserves the right to expedite the mails, and to alter the times of their arrival and departure at any time during the continuance of the contract, by giving an adequate compensation, never exceeding a *pro rata* allowance, for an extra expense which such alteration may require.

2. Seven minutes shall be allowed for opening and closing the mails, at each office, where no particular time shall be specified, but the Post Master General reserves to himself the right of extending the time.

3. For every ten minutes delay in arriving at any point after the time prescribed in any contract, the contractor shall forfeit five dollars. If the delay shall continue beyond the time for the departure of any pending mail, the forfeiture shall be equal to twice the amount allowed for carrying the mail one trip.

If it shall be made to appear that the delay was occasioned by unavoidable accident, of which the Postmaster General shall be the judge, the forfeiture may be reduced to the amount of pay for a trip; but in no case can that amount be remitted. The forfeitures are otherwise unconditional, and will in all cases be enforced.

4. Persons who make proposals will state their prices by the year; payments to be made quarterly; in the months of May, August, November and February, one month after the expiration of each quarter.

5. None but a free white person shall be employed to carry the mail.

6. Proposals should state whether the person proposes to carry the mail in a 4 horse coach, a 2 horse stage, or otherwise.

7. If the person offering proposals wishes the privilege of carrying newspapers out of the mail, he must state it in his bid; otherwise he cannot enjoy that privilege.

8. Proposers for any improvements in transporting the mail, as to the manner of carrying, *increas* of *expediti*on, *extens*ion of routes, *frequency* of trips, or any other improvements, are invited to be stated in the proposals, and will be duly considered.

9. The number of the route, and its beginning and termination, as advertised, should be stated in every bid; and the proposals, must be sealed, directed to the "General Post Office, office of Mail Contracts," and Supercribed "Proposals."

The following is a proper form for a proposal:

"I will convey the mail, agreeably to advertisement, on route No. _____, from _____ for the yearly compensation of _____ dollars."

He must state the place of his residence; and if not a contractor, he must accompany his bid with satisfactory recommendations.

10. The distances, as stated, are estimated, and may not be entirely correct; but if any errors have occurred in relation to them, no increase of compensation will be allowed on that account. The contractor will inform himself on that point.

11. The Postmaster General reserves the right of annulling any contract when ever repeated failures to arrive within the contract time shall occur; or whenever one failure shall happen amounting to the loss of a trip; or whenever any direction which he may give shall not be promptly complied with.

12. No bid shall be withdrawn after the time for receiving it has expired; and should any person refuse to take a contract at his bid, he shall forfeit all other contracts that he may have with the Department, and be held responsible for all damage that may result from his failure to comply.

13. No contract nor bid can be transferred without the special and written approbation of the Postmaster General; and an assignment of a contract, or bid, without consent, first obtained in writing, shall forfeit it. This rule will never be departed from.